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SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS SCHOOLS TO CLOSE

Montreal, Quebec, May 2, 1983 - At its regular meeting on April 21, the University Board of Governors decided to close the Sir George Williams Business School and the SGW High School at the end of the 1983 summer term on August 31.

The closing of the schools is the result of declining enrolments and attendant financial problems, coupled with a decision by the downtown branch of the Y.M.C.A. not to renew the lease on space currently housing the schools. Comparably-priced space is unavailable in the downtown area.

The decision will affect about 500 students, 25 part-time teachers and four full-time employees. Provisions will be made to absorb the full-time employees into the staff of the University, which is legally responsible for the schools.

The schools grew out of the educational offerings of the Y.M.C.A. in 1873. In their heyday in their fifties, the schools numbered five and had an enrolment of over 3,000 students.

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